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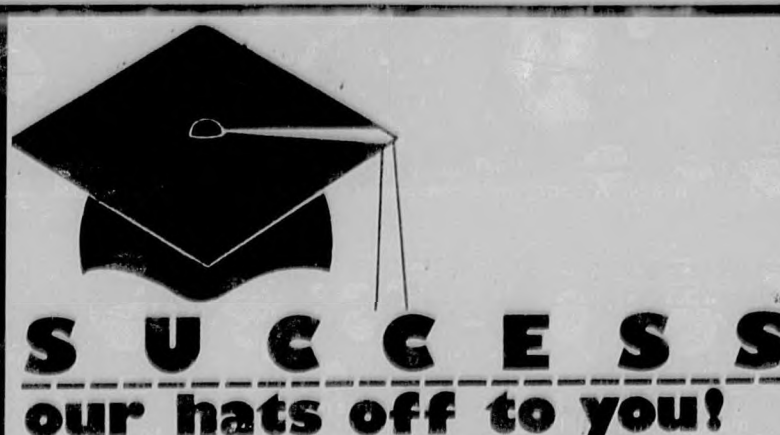
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City of Elba settles Peacock lawsuit for \$65,000.00

By Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The federal court wrongful firing lawsuit filed last year by former police chief Bruce Peacock has been officially settled.

Stories at the first of the month reporting a settlement were premature. While parties in the case had apparently agreed to a confidential settlement, it was only recently that the agreement was approved by the federal courts, thus settling the lawsuit.

Lawyers for neither side have returned phone calls asking for comments on the matter. Attorney James Ward, of Birmingham, who represented the City of Elba's insurance carrier in this case was unavailable for comment. Also unavailable and not returning phone calls was Attorney William Gill, of Montgomery, who filed the lawsuit on behalf of Mr. Peacock.

Elba Mayor James Grimes referred reporters to the lawyers in the case and Elba City Attorney Jeff Kelley said he was not the attorney

defending the city in this case and statements needed to come from someone else. However city officials have received written confirmation that the case is officially settled.

Reportedly the case settlement was "confidential" even though the courts have ruled that when taxpayer money is involved, it can't be kept confidential from the public.

Elba's insurance policy called for the city to pay \$5,000 whenever a lawsuit of this type is filed, regardless of the ultimate outcome.

Therefore the reported \$65,000 settlement paid to Peacock and his attorney, would be divided with \$5,000 coming from the city and the other \$60,000 being paid by the insurance company. The insurance company will also be responsible for paying any legal expenses incurred defending this lawsuit.

This settlement was reached after lawyers for the insurance company and Mr. Peacock had spent several days taking depositions from Mr. Peacock, city officials and other witnesses in the case.

Peacock was fired in April, 1996 by the city council during the previous city administration. He has since worked as a Newton policeman and is presently serving as chief of the Napier Field police department.

The termination followed several weeks of activity where the council would meet in executive session on this matter and reportedly asked then Mayor Ricky Haywood to secure

Peacock's resignation.

All five city council members voted for the firing while Haywood openly opposed the action. The termination was not a surprise, as Peacock had his attorney present at the meeting and out-of-town TV crews were also filming the action.

The lawsuit was filed against the city and the five city council members, but Haywood was not named as a defendant in this case.

The basis for the suit, \$1 million in compensatory damages and \$1.5 million in punitive damages, was that the man had been terminated without the proper hearings required by Alabama law and Elba city ordinance. At the termination meeting, Gill was told, after the vote to terminate, they could have a hearing, but the attorney declined until a written list of the charges was presented. This was done several days later and again a hearing was offered, however no hearing ever took place. The lawsuit was filed in May, 1996 and settled one year later.

Peacock was the fourth person to carry the title of "Chief" in less than

four years. His was the second to end in a cash settlement to the terminated employee. The administration ended with an acting chief, as the council, nor the mayor made any attempt to name a replacement during the final months of the administration.

The saga began in the first year of the administration, when former chief, Freddie Hanchey filed his suit for wrongful termination and won a settlement and return to a high ranking position in the police department. His case was opposite of the Peacock case, as Haywood fired Hanchey while the council members wanted to retain him. Jack Parker and Maxwell Hooks each served as chief, but resigned. Peacock, a former military police officer in the U.S. Army, was named to the position after the resignation of Hooks. He came to Elba from the Hartford police department.

That was the final of five wrongful termination suits lost by the city in a four year span. There are however, one or two personal injury suits making their way through the courts.



TRAILWAYS BUS AND CAR TANGLE... Shortly before 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20, a Trailways bus collided with a 1995 Ford Taurus at the intersection of Simmons Street and Claxton Avenue. The car, driven by Donna A. Parker, 44, of Elba, was traveling west on Simmons when it was struck by a Trailways bus traveling south on Claxton. The car, after being hit by the bus, struck a steel pole which supports the traffic light at the intersection. Mrs. Parker was taken to Elba General Hospital by a unit of the Elba Rescue Squad where she was treated and released. The driver of the bus, Arthur J. Reed, 44, of Tallahassee, FL, and none of the bus' 13 passengers were injured. The deployment of the air bag on Parker's car prevented her from being seriously injured. The accident was investigated by Sgt. Randy White of the Elba Police Department.

NEWS BRIEFS

Elba police officers made another arrest. On Saturday, May 24, officers arrested a 38-year-old Elba woman, Lynn Hudson. She was charged with illegal possession of marijuana. Hudson was placed in the Coffee County Jail and later released on bond. The incident is part of an on-going investigation by the Elba Police department and the 12th Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force.

Coffee County EMA promotes hurricane awareness. May 26-30 has been proclaimed Hurricane Awareness Week in Alabama by Gov. Fob James. In 1995, Coffee County suffered more than \$3 million in damage to public facilities caused by Hurricane Opal. Charles Webb, Coffee County EMA Director, urges all county residents to develop a personal awareness plan. For more information on how to prepare for hurricanes, contact the Coffee County EMA Office at 894-5415.

Damage Assessment takes place immediately following a disaster. Information on damage and number of people affected is gathered by volunteers. This is accomplished by a street-by-street survey. The survey can be completed in less than 2 days. Volunteers can be scheduled for as little as a four-hour period following a disaster. Quick, accurate damage assessment following a disaster is critical because local, state, and federal assistance is based on the numbers reported. The faster the information is gathered the faster help can be requested and received.

To register or for questions, call the Red Cross Office in Enterprise at 347-2461. Walk-ins are welcomed.

Meet Your Elba Police Officers

Meet Police Officer Johnny P. Senn. Johnny is a native of Brantley, AL and has been a member of the Elba Police Department for more than nine years.

Senn has twelve years of experience in law enforcement. He is a certified firearms instructor and has special training in the use of tactical firearms. He has also received S.W.A.T. training, extensive investigation training and is also a certified D.A.R.E. instructor.

At the present time, Officer Senn serves as a sergeant in the patrol division. His previous assignment was in investigations and he served on the 12th Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force.

"Helping people in a time of need, or just letting people know that we care about their safety is what I like most about being a police officer," said Senn.

"The disrespect you get sometime from a few people is one of the negatives of being in law enforcement," said Johnny.

His most memorable experience as a police officer was working in Elba during the flood of 1990.

Officer Senn stated that he would like to find some type of organization that would keep the interest of the area's teenagers.

Johnny's wishes for the department are: 1) Off duty socializing with all officers once a month; 2) Some type of recreation



for members of the department as a group; and 3) Keep working on family-oriented morale with each other.

Officer Senn's hobbies include hunting & fishing, shooting guns and he likes to spend as much time as possible with his two-year-old, Philip Ashton Senn.

"I feel that the Elba Police Department has seen major improvement in appearance as a whole - persons and facility," said Senn.

"I take great pride in being an officer for the City of Elba and over the years, it has become my home and the people have made that possible," he added.

County Commission deals in communications

by Marvin McLain - Editor

Monday's meeting of the Coffee County Commission centered

around two major things - the installation of a phone system for the "temporary courthouse" and County Engineer Randy Tindell's wish-list.

There were several minutes of discussion followed by motions being offered - some failing to pass and some receiving no second - followed by a 15-minute recess before a telephone question was settled.

It began when County Administrator Wilson Mobley presented a proposal from GTE on relocating telephone equipment to the old Enterprise Post Office which will be used as temporary offices during the construction of the new courthouse.

He presented figures from GTE on the cost of relocating existing equipment from the present courthouse to the post office. This cost was \$10,877.98.

An option to the above was for GTE to install a rental system in the temporary facility at a cost of \$2,674.49 per month for 18 months (\$48,464.82). This option was highly recommended by GTE.

Mobley noted that GTE officials stated that this system could be used in the new courthouse after it was completed. The cost and legality of this without bidding the equipment was questioned.

After several minutes of discussion, a motion to follow GTE's recommendation failed in a 4-2 vote (Commissioners Linda Westbrook, Kayo Lewis, Doug Dalrymple, and Len Averett voted against the motion; Commissioners Tom Grimley and Bernest Brooks voted for; Commissioner Robert Stephens was not present).

Upon reconvening, Commissioner Dalrymple made a motion to appoint a committee to decide the issue. His motion failed to get a second. Commissioner Grimley made the original motion. It failed by the same vote a second time.

The commission, after more discussion failed to reach a decision so they took a 15-minute recess to regroup. During the recess, the group huddled (with a news reporter present) out in the hall to discuss a compromise.

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BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

The comments last week about Lt. Kelly Flinn being singled out for Air Force punishment because "she was a female succeeding in what had always been a man's world," only drew two negative comments. A retired Army colonel, who is a friend and able debater of opinions and fishing tactics, took us to task for "joining that liberal New York press," because the real reason for the court martial was for disobeying an order. A letter-to-the-editor from another retired officer, and friend, takes the same position. As the dust settled, disobeying of orders was what the Air Force began stressing. It is agreed that military folks must obey legal and reasonable orders... no question from this corner. Still... this case was grossly mishandled, and long before it became a national debate.

The buzz word among computer users these days is internet. If you are not "on the net, then you are not in the world." Anyway, the fashion statement of the day is... "I found it on the web" and addresses are not post office boxes, but probably something ending with ".com". Here is some recent news, very important information for those fashion conscious internet users: There are 1,200,000 internet web sites which use the word "cock" on their web page. There are 1,600 web sites which have misspelled the word intelligence on their page. Those are not "take to the bank" facts, just something we read.

One more bit of internet info... AT&T is a fairly new internet supplier. A recent announcement was that they would have over 900,000 monthly subscribers "and hoped to be profitable next year." Folks, if they are not already profitable with that many people sending in monthly checks, we doubt they can ever make money!

It is looking more and more like the Alabama Legislature will be back in special session to pass either the General Fund and/or the Education budget, because Governor Fob James has not yet signed either into law. He is quoted as being upset over all the "pork" money legislators have stuck in various parts of the budget for their pet projects and special interest voter groups. We don't like such stuff either, but "pork" needs defining. It is the special money for YOUR project... those for my special projects are completely different and completely justifiable!

The Alabama Legislature has finally put a stop to adding to the maze of specialty car tags. There are at present about 120 of these tags promoting some special group or another. Part of the higher cost of these tags goes to the organization being promoted on the tag. Annual sales range from a high of over 48,000 down to a low of 34. The group with 34 supporters had better hope for other sources of funding, 'cause there is not much available from the car tags.

It is time for school to be out for summer vacation. We remind all our readers that the children will have more time to be out on the streets and everyone should be a bit more careful driving up and down the highways and byways.

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GUEST EDITOR!

TORT REFORM: THE JOBS PROGRAM WE REALLY NEED

Dr. Stan Watson
Director of Policy and Research
Alabama Family Alliance

Recent headlines have been all too familiar. "Tort Reform Begging Down... in Senate." "Time... Running Out on Tort Reform." "Tort Reform Dead." Haven't we been here before?

It is sad that yet another effort at reasonable reform has ended in failure. But it is particularly sad that the effort this year has failed when we consider the impact that a reasonable tort reform package could have in helping Alabama tackle another great challenge that is currently staring us in the face.

I am referring to the challenge of welfare reform. In order to comply with the new federal mandates, Alabama will have to come up with some 20,000 new, low-skilled jobs for our welfare recipients over the next five years.

Some have suggested that the state government should create these jobs in the public sector and turn former welfare recipients into public employees. Chances are, that plan would simply lead to the creation of "make-work" jobs for those coming off welfare.

In other words, many people who now get a welfare check for doing next to nothing would simply transition into getting a government paycheck for doing next to nothing.

What Alabama needs is a growing economy which produces enough private sector jobs to employ our former welfare recipients. By most accounts, Alabama's economy is booming. In terms of business growth, we rank in the top ten nationally.

But in order to meet the new federal welfare mandates, we will need growth in low-skilled sectors such as manufacturing - an area where employment levels in Alabama have stagnated.

It is true that Mercedes-Benz, and some other important manufacturers, have opened facilities in Alabama recently, but those much-publicized projects have not been enough to reverse the overall stagnation.

It should also be noted that those jobs at the Mercedes plant came at a cost of over \$175,000 per job in tax benefits and other incentives.

A recent study conducted at the Center for Business and Economic Research at the University of South Alabama found that no state has ever paid as much per job as Alabama paid for our Mercedes plant.

Even more interesting, Katherine White, Dorothy Williams, Dianne Duncan, Virginia Long, Alherta Martin, Jessie Davis, Adam Hargrove, Ona Hudson, R. C. Boutwell, Evonne Rayborn, Billy Joe Davis, William Donaldson, Danny Weeks, Marvin Lindsey, Gail Calhoun, Dustin Lee Brewer, Jerome Pruitt, and Ora Kelley.

Traffic citations issued were as follows: six for speeding, one for DUI, and one for no tag.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:
MONDAY, MAY 19 - River stage - 3.16 feet (6:12 a.m.); Alarm at Elba Skating Rink (1:12 p.m.); Electrical fire at a residence on Purnam St. (3:15 p.m.).

TUESDAY, MAY 20 - River stage - 3.10 feet (6:38 a.m.); Rescue run to a wreck at the intersection of Simmons Street and Claxton Avenue (4:51 p.m.); Fire trucks dispatched to the above wreck 9:45:22 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21 - River stage - 3.20 feet (6:17 a.m.); Fight reported at Hammond's Washateria (6:50 p.m.); Disturbance reported on AL Hwy. 87N (10:40 p.m.); Rescue to a residence on Reese Ave. (10:47 p.m.).

THURSDAY, MAY 22 - River stage - 3.35 feet (6:28 a.m.); Alarm at Elba High School (6:48 a.m.); Wreck reported at Cook Chevrolet (4:06 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Gray St. (6:40 p.m.).

FRIDAY, MAY 23 - River stage - 3.36 feet (6:32 a.m.); Disturbance reported in Morrow Village (11:29 p.m.); Routine activity.

SATURDAY, MAY 24 - Alarm at Weeks' Tire (5:10 a.m.); River stage - 3.44 feet (6:09 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Parker St. (12:56 p.m.).

SUNDAY, MAY 25 - River stage - 3.30 feet (6:39 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Rainbow Dr. (7:01 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Rainbow Dr. (8:13 a.m.); Alarm at Weeks' Tire (4:21 p.m.).

RUFUS L. ELLIS
Mr. Rufus L. Ellis, age 63, of Elba, died May 23, 1997, at Medical Center, Enterprise.

Funeral services were held May 26, at 10 a.m., at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Donnell E. Eads and Rev. Hwey Anderson officiating.

Burial followed in the New Hope Cemetery, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Betty Ellis; two daughters: Shilene Bradley, Susan, and Jennifer Miller; two sons: Rex Ellis, Samson, and Michael Herring, Buford, S.C.; four sisters: Mattie Dawkins and Ivey Grantham, both of Elba; Betty Merle Marler, New Brockton; Merlene Kelley, Auburn; three brothers: Robert Ellis, Elba; Gene Ellis, St. Louis, Ill.; and Louis Ellis, Indianapolis, Ind.; nine grandchildren.

MRS. PANSY HAM BARNARD
Mrs. Pansy Ham Barnard, age 93, died Sunday, May 25th, she was born June 17, 1903 in Elba, Alabama.

Funeral services were held from Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, Wednesday, May 28th, 1997 at 2:00 p.m. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

We are in the process of locating individuals who attended Athens College/Athens State College and who served in the Military during World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and Desert Storm.

Rededication ceremonies for the Veterans Memorial Flagpole and Monument will take place on Flag Day, June 14, at 2 p.m., on the campus of Athens State College.

The Veterans Flagpole and Monument were erected by the World War II Veterans on Flag Day June 1950.

The new Signature Brick Plaza, which surrounds the Veterans Flagpole, is the focal point of our Athens State College Alumni Program development.

Signs to enhance and preserve Campus landmarks, will also be dedicated. This very special program is open to the public.

If you have any information or questions that might help us locate these individuals or members of their family, please contact the Office of Alumni Affairs, Founders Hall, 300 North Beatty St., Athens State College, Athens, AL 35611, or 1-800-522-0272, 205/233-8275/8278, E-mail: ASCAL-11@ATHENS.EDU, or FAX 205/233-8164.

Sincerely,
Angeline A. Nazaretian, Ed.D.
Director of Alumni Affairs

I look forward each week to your Brainstorms column. I was not surprised that you commented on the Air Force and its problems with Lt. Kelly Flinn (in your May 22 issue).

It was surprising that you took the big city, liberal media approach to getting your information and making your comment - that is, take only a part of the story, usually out of context, and focus on that, rather than getting to the heart of the issue.

You directed your comments only to the issue of Lt. Flinn having affairs with a married enlisted man and a married civilian. Air Force spokesmen have repeatedly stated that the major issue was that Lt. Flinn had lied and had refused to obey an order (to stop the affair) from her superior officers.

There are several things that cannot be tolerated in the military. One is lying. Integrity has always been one of the major foundations of the military officer corps, and Lt. Flinn obviously showed a lack of integrity.

Obedience to lawful orders from your superiors is specifically stated in the oath of office sworn to by every military officer, and is critical to the effective functioning of people who often are put in very tough situations requiring quick and absolute adherence to orders.

If Lt. Flinn will not tell the truth and obey orders in peace time (because of her emotions), how can we expect her to tell the truth and obey orders during the rigor of war, with

all the emotions generated by combat? Hat Lt. Flinn obeyed the order to stop her affair, she very likely would not have been charged.

You went on to say that Lt. Flinn, even if guilty of the affair with the married man, should be "judged by the same standards" as men in the Air Force - "slap her on the hands, maybe even transfer her to another unit, but that is enough".

If you had read the numbers released by the Air Force, you would have noted that there have been a number of Air Force personnel charged with adultery in the last three years, and that the majority of them were men - in fact, a disproportionate number of men and women in the Air Force.

Lt. Flinn's big problems with the Air Force are (were) her lying and her disobeying orders.

The United States Air Force deserves better news reports than they were given over this incident.

/s/ Charles L. Webb
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Socials and Community News

Miss Bradley & Mr. Cobb to be united in marriage Saturday, June 21



Miss Bradley

Ms. Bette Lee Bradley of Enterprise announces the engagement and forthcoming marriage of her daughter, Kelly Rebecca Bradley, to Dale Anthony Cobb, son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. (Pete) Cobb of Luverne.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Engle of Lebanon, Pa., and the late Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lee of Enterprise.

She graduated magna cum laude at Troy State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education and was a member of the Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society.

Kelly is employed by the Coffee County School System as a first-grade teacher at Zion Chapel Elementary School, and is pursuing a master's degree in education.

The prospective groom is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. L.L. Cobb of Troy, and the late Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Howell of Dozier.

He attended Troy State University and is employed as an Alabama State Trooper assigned to the Dothan Post.

The wedding will be held June 21, 1997, at six o'clock in the evening at First Baptist Church of New Brockton.

No local invitations are being sent. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Mr. Zigar & Miss Horton

Miss Horton and Mr. Zigar announce engagement



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Mr. and Mrs. David Horton of Grand Ridge, Fla., announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Lynn Horton, to Ryan Alexander Zigar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Zigar of Baker.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Olivia B. Neel of Grand Ridge and the late William H. Neel, and Ella Mae Horton of Grand Ridge and the late Herchel Horton.

She is a 1993 graduate of Grand Ridge High School and a 1995 graduate of Chipola Junior College. She is attending Florida A&M University and will graduate in August with a bachelor of science degree in physical therapy.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Leonard Garrett of Baker and the late Bona Garrett, and Madge Zigar of Jack, Ala., and the late George Zigar.

He is a 1993 graduate of Baker High School and a graduate of Okaloosa-Walton Community College. He is pursuing a bachelor's degree in engineering technology at the University of West Florida and is employed with A+ Network in Pensacola, Fla.

The wedding is planned for Friday, Aug. 8, at 6:30 p.m. at Providence Baptist Church in Grand Ridge.

A reception will follow in the fellowship hall.



Miss McDonald & Mr. Besselaar

McDonald-Besselaar to marry Saturday, May 31

Carla Ann McDonald will become the bride of Terry Glenn Besselaar on Saturday, May 31, at two o'clock in the afternoon at the Grand Victorian Hotel Chapel, 924 Plamania Boulevard, Fairhope, Ala.

All friends and relatives are invited.

Elba Elementary creates art exhibit

Elba Elementary School students from each grade level participated in an art museum recently, and displayed self-portraits created by using different art media, and by visiting the "Works of Art" museum.

By participating in the "Works of Art" minicourse, students learned the answers to questions such as: "Which American painter influenced the Modern Art movement? Which expressionist cut off his own ear? Which artist developed an art style that showed several views of an individual in one painting?"

Students researched the life and artistic style of Jackson Pollock, Pablo Picasso, Vincent van Gogh, and Claude Monet. They also created works of art modeled after the style used by each artist studied.

The art work was displayed in a "museum" at the elementary school where "Talent Pool" students acted as docents, or guides, to students in other classrooms, informing visitors about the life and artistic style of the four artists studied as they toured the museum.

Flowers to celebrate 25th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Jerrell Flowers will be honored with a 25th wedding anniversary reception on Sunday, June 1, from two until four o'clock in the afternoon, at the fellowship hall of Zion Chapel Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Elba.

All friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend.

When wishing to have a copy of the book may write to Dr. Terry and Emma Jean Gunnells at 6237 Wares Ferry Rd., Montgomery, AL 36117, or call them at 334/271-5912. Price of the book is \$10, plus \$1.25 for shipping.

If ordering more than one book, add 50 cents shipping for each additional book.

Rev. Terry Gunnells co-authors book

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This book is written from the perspective of the victim and her therapist. It tells the story of the events leading up to the terrible July day, the events immediately following, and the steps that Kimberly took in putting her life back together.

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Church News

Revival to begin June 1, at Friendship Baptist Church

Friendship Baptist Church, in the Holley Store Community, will have a revival June 1-4, beginning at 7 o'clock each evening.

Rev. Billy Sunday will be the evangelist.

Pastor Arthur Emfinger and members of the church invite everyone to attend.

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. Marvin C. Ennis
Elba United Methodist Church

Our job is not to judge

Jesus said, "Judge not lest ye be judged by the same judgement."

Too many times we try to sit in judgement of others. That is really not our job. Every time we try to judge someone we are oversteering our bounds. Only God is qualified to judge.

One reason we make very poor judges is that we do not know all the facts, nor do we know everything about the person involved. Neither do we know the strength of the temptation. Nor do we know how much that person resisted before he yielded. Nor do we know the inner pain he or she feels because they allowed themselves to yield to that temptation.

There is so much that we do not know, it behooves us not to sit in judgement on another person.

It is next to impossible for any of us to be totally impartial in our judgments. Things we have heard and impressions we have received color and affect our judgment. Only a completely impartial person has a right to render a judgment. Only God can be totally impartial.

The chief reason we should not judge others is because no one is good enough to judge another. We all have our faults or weaknesses. Only the faultless has a right to look for faults in others. Only God is faultless. This being the case, only He is qualified to judge.

are youth directors.

All area youth are invited to join the group for various activities throughout the week.

True Gospel Chapel to give away clothing

True Gospel Chapel Church, 836 Troy Hwy., will have free clothing to be given away Friday and Saturday, May 30 and 31, beginning at 9 a.m.

The ministry is relocating to another city, and will appreciate your support.

Homecoming to be held at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church

Homecoming will be held at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Sunday, June 1.

Everyone is invited and dinner will be served at 12:00 noon.

CARD OF THANKS

THE WILLIAM LAWFOOD FAMILY would like to thank everyone for their many expressions of love shown to us during the death of our son, William, 5-29-chg

Everyone is invited to attend.

Tickets are available.

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Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE - Jimmy Porter

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
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ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Billy J. Reed

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. 6:00 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - Rev. Robert Paul

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. 6:15 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - Marvin Ennis

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Rachel Bryan, Sponsor
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D.A.R.E. Graduation

by Vanessa McCroney
Fifth-grade students at Zion Chapel Elementary School recently participated in a D.A.R.E. program graduation. Through the D.A.R.E. program, the students were taught many ways to "Just Say No" to drugs. In order to graduate from D.A.R.E., each student was required to write an essay.
Anna Anderson, Brandon Perkins, Cody Ellis, Nikki Presley, Anna Miller, Ayonna Brown, Haley Flowers, and Adam Wilkerson each read his/her essay at the graduation program.
The graduation program was held in the Zion Chapel High School Auditorium. The guest speaker was Coffee County Sheriff Ben Moates. Each student was given a graduation certificate and a D.A.R.E. shirt by Officer Donnie Farris and Sheriff Perkins of the Coffee County Sheriff's Department.



Pictured above (l-r) are: seated - Nikki Presley, Ayonna Brown, Haley Flowers, and Anna Miller; standing - Brandon Perkins, Anna Anderson, and Cody Ellis. Not available for picture was Adam Wilkerson.

Class of 2002 Donates Tree

by Bridget Money
The class of 2002 planted a "tree" in the parking lot island. The tree was donated by Mrs. Deanne Henson's 6th and 7th period English classes. The tree was presented to the Zion Chapel High School principal, Dr. Linda Ingram, by Kaye Clark. The ground was broken by the top two academic students in the class, Jeffery Boutwell and Mandi Collins.



Pictured above are: Mandi Collins and Jeffery Boutwell.

ZC Seniors '97's Last Will & Testament & Prophecies

I, Tiffany Lewis, will, in ten years, have earned a Master's Degree in accounting. I will own a two-story, four-bedroom house, be driving a Nissan Maxima, be working at a big bank as an accountant, and married with one child.

I, Tiffany Lewis, being of sound mind, and body, leave Crystal Boyd my ability to have a quarter everyday to buy tea for lunch and my ability to think positive and succeed in life. I leave my ability to laugh to Lashonda Ploumouy. And last but not least, I leave my ability to pass Senior English to the Junior Class of 1998.

I, Ashley Laney, in ten years, will be married to Greg and be working as the most successful doctor in Florida. Greg and I will have two kids.

I, Ashley Laney, leave my sense of humor to Salena Shuman and my ability to make a scene anywhere to Danielle Richards and Christina Shuman. I leave my English Literature notes to Buddy Maddox, my thesaurus to Laura Williams, the hope that the Bat Cave will be open for the seniors of 1998, and all of my country CD's to my sister, Angie, for the drive to school.

I, Twanna Haynes, in ten years, will be married or engaged to Albert Clifford Hardy.

I, Twanna Haynes, leave my ability to sing to my cousin Crystal Boyd. I leave my heart that is filled with love to my cousin Melissa. I leave Chan Grantham the ability to keep our group alive. I leave Tony Gumble a lot of encouragement, because he will need it when dealing with Crystal and Melissa.

I, Melanie Cape, plan to become a certified day care worker and to eventually own and operate my own day care center.

I, Melanie Cape, would like to leave my ability to complete assignments on time to Amanda Lee.

I, Vanessa McCroney, see myself still driving the race car, working at a hospital somewhere just to stay away from home, while Toby is reviewing football games that he has played over the years.

I, Vanessa McCroney, leave my ability to jump high to Kendra Ward and the official calling of Mrs. Bryan's name to Ashley Nelson. To Amanda Ellis, I leave her the ability to eat all the Reese's in the office because lord knows she will need them and most of all, I leave her my love and friendship.

I, Billy Kelley, have no idea where I will be or what I will be doing in ten years from now.

I, Billy Kelley, leave my ability to grow two feet taller over the summer to Patrick Opatky. I also leave him my ability to catch every pass thrown in a football game.

I, Timothy Akuri, in ten years hope-fully will be well established in my career as an Alabama State Trooper.

I, Timothy Akuri, leave to all under-classes my ability to give Mrs. Bryan as much trouble as I have, but not get on her nerves. And be as well behaved as I was.

I, Heather Vaughan, in ten years plan to be very successful in my career and married to Wess Phelps. We will be living in a big house in a big city, driving a 2007 Honda Accord and a 2007 Toyota truck. We will have at least one child.

I, Heather Vaughan, leave my ability to pass government and English to all the seniors of 1998, because believe me, they will need it! I leave to anyone who needs it, my ability to argue and argue until either I get my way or until Mrs. Shaw gets really mad. I also leave my ability to be a player to Daphne.

I, Wyndi Rugg, in ten years will be a great beautician helping many girls improve their beauty like, well you know who you are.

I, Wyndi Rugg, leave Bob Adkinson to some lucky girl and I leave my wonderful ability to get along with Kayton to Daphne.

I, Kelyn Williams, will be the record holder for having the longest hair of any other guy in the world. And I will then realize why everyone called me "cousin it" in high school.

I, Kelyn Williams, do hereby leave Teresa my truck so she doesn't have to ride around with Tessa. To Weiner, Ron, Trishy, Creny, Danni, Mandi, and Teresa, the senior band members leave the Sr. Door of the Batacave, if you're ever allowed in it again! Mandi, To Laura Williams, 99.9% of the time it is a joke! To Pookie, I leave my ability to pass without trying! Salena sit down! Danni, shake your shoulders. I got something for you man! TERESA, I love you! No exceptions, Seniors rule!

I, Paul Hussey, in ten years will be a registered nurse working in a small hospital or a retirement home.

I, Paul Hussey, leave my heart to Amanda Kane and leave my wisdom to Amanda Lee.

I, Amber Shiver, in ten years see myself as having a great job, the coolest car in South Alabama, and really cheap car insurance.

I, Amber Shiver, leave the class of 1998 my wonderful ability to sweet talk all my teachers and bargain with Mrs. Shaw. I also leave the 1998 drum line my fearless and hopeful pride for their season and I leave my fun times to all my little cousins.

I, Bridget Money, in ten years will be trying to figure myself out and running from people that seem to find me everywhere I go.

I, Bridget Money, leave Daniel Pridgen my height and lots of hugs. I leave Chan Grantham and the gang my wonderful brain and the way it thinks! To Kendra Ward, I leave my outspoken opinions and strong willingness because Lord knows she will need it in cheer-leading. To Rebecca Ward, I would say I leave my loud mouth, but I think she's got that taken care of. Finally, I leave to the class of 1998, my ability to make Coach McCrory's class exciting.

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View From The Pressbox with Ricky Mularz

School got out last week in Elba and the Mularz girls are already complaining about being bored and how being out of school for June and July is just too long. I'm sure they will change their minds when ball season gets over and they can start visiting friends and relatives, but until then maybe we can keep 'em busy helping keep the house clean. Yea, right!

***The Dixie Youth Baseball League season is going full blast and thus far in the season the league has been dominated by strong pitching. For once, it seems like every single team has at least one or two very good pitchers, and they have been getting the best of the hitters, for most of the time. It should pay dividends come All-Star time.

***The Girl's Softball League expanded this season and when the All-Star tournaments roll around the league will field teams in 10 and Under, 12 and Under, 14 and Under and 16 and Under competition. The 10 and Under girls have competed for years, but this year have their own league to get them ready, while the 16 and Under girls are competing for the first time in regular season and will split their talent when tourney time rolls around. It should be a fun summer and tournament for all the girls.

***Elba's Chasity Williams was named to the South team last week for this summer's Alabama All-Star Sports Week, in Montgomery, and there is no doubt that Chasity deserved the right to compete at the state level. She has been a starter for a number of years for the Lady Tigers and has always been one of the team's top hitters. She will report to practice in Montgomery on July 22 and compete in the Slow-Pitch All-Star game on July 24, which will give her a three-day holiday at the festival. A fitting reward!

Elba Department of Parks and Recreation BASEBALL & SOFTBALL SCHEDULES

*** BASEBALL ***

DIXIE MAJORS (Home games at Legion Field)

THURSDAY, MAY 29
Elba at Ashford (7:00)

TUESDAY, JUNE 3
Elba at Opp (7:00)

DIXIE PRE-MAJORS (Home games at Legion Field)

TUESDAY, JUNE 3
Opp at Elba Indians (7:00)
Elba Pirates at Andalusia (7:00)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4
Daleville at Elba Indians (7:00)
Elba Pirates at Opp (7:00)

DIXIE BOYS (Home games at Legion Field)

FRIDAY, MAY 30
In Elba,
6:00 - Rockies vs. White Sox
7:45 - Reds vs. Yankees

SATURDAY, MAY 31
In Luverne,
10:00 - H. Home vs. Mariners
12:00 - Braves vs. Mariners

MONDAY, JUNE 2
In Elba,
6:00 - Reds vs. Mariners
8:00 - Reds vs. Rockies

DIXIE YOUTH & DIXIE MINOR (Home games at Legion Field)

FRIDAY, MAY 30
In Elba,
6:00 - Marlins vs. A's
7:45 - Braves vs. D'Backs
In New Brockton,
6:00 - Royals vs. Cardinals
7:45 - Red Sox vs. Rays

MONDAY, JUNE 2 (Home games at Legion Field)

6:00 - Rays vs. Brewers
7:45 - Phillies vs. Dodgers

TUESDAY, JUNE 3
In Elba,
6:00 - Cardinals vs. Braves
7:45 - A's vs. D'Backs

In New Brockton,
6:00 - Royals vs. Marlins
7:45 - Red Sox vs. Sox

COACH-PITCH (Hawkins-Williams Field 1)

THURSDAY, MAY 29
6:00 - Cardinals vs. Giants
7:15 - Athletics vs. Rangers

MONDAY, JUNE 2
6:00 - Mariners vs. Angels
7:15 - Athletics vs. Giants

TUESDAY, JUNE 3
6:00 - Rangers vs. Angels
7:15 - Mariners vs. Cardinals

TEE-BALL (Hawkins-Williams Field 3)

THURSDAY, MAY 29
6:00 - Expos vs. Marlins

TUESDAY, JUNE 3
6:00 - Twins vs. Marlins

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*** SOFTBALL ***

TEE-BALL (Hawkins-Williams Field 3)

MONDAY, JUNE 2
6:00 - Bullfrogs vs. Suns

COACH-PITCH (Hawkins-Williams Field 2)

MONDAY, JUNE 2
6:00 - Bandits vs. Blaze

10 AND UNDER (Hawkins-Williams Field 2)

THURSDAY, MAY 29
(Hawkins-Williams Field 2)
6:00 - Cubsies vs. Chiefs

MONDAY, JUNE 2
(Hawkins-Williams Field 2)
7:15 - Cannons vs. Chicks
(Hawkins-Williams Field 3)
7:15 - Cubsies vs. Chiefs

TUESDAY, JUNE 3
(Hawkins-Williams Field 2)
6:00 - Cannons vs. Cubsies

12 AND UNDER (Hawkins-Williams Field 2)

THURSDAY, MAY 29
(Hawkins-Williams Field 2)
7:15 - Renegades vs. Red Stixx

7:15 - Rumbles vs. Redwings

TUESDAY, JUNE 3
(Hawkins-Williams Field 2)
7:15 - Renegades vs. Rumbles
(Hawkins-Williams Field 3)
7:15 - Redwings vs. Red Stixx

16 AND UNDER (Hawkins-Williams Field 2)

THURSDAY, MAY 29
(Hawkins-Williams Field 2)
8:15 - Wildfires vs. Jammers

MONDAY, JUNE 2
(Hawkins-Williams Field 2)
8:15 - Lookouts vs. Wildfires

TUESDAY, JUNE 3
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8:15 - Lookouts vs. Jammers

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Sports

Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Williams chosen for South All-Star team

Teams and coaches for the softball and baseball teams competing during the Alabama All-Star Sports Week on July 22-26 were announced last week by the Alabama High School Athletic Directors and Coaches Association, and included among the softball players picked was Elba's Chasity Williams. The inaugural event will include in-state, North-South all-star games in volleyball, girls and boys basketball, football, baseball and softball, as well as clinics and conferences for coaches, cheerleaders, officials and athletic directors. All players will be graduated seniors.

Chasity Williams, a hard-hitting outfielder for the Elba Lady Tigers, was among the fifteen players named to the South Slow Pitch squad, and will be joined by coaches Terry Scott, of Geneva, and Ellen in volleyball, girls and boys basketball, football, baseball and softball, as well as clinics and conferences for coaches, cheerleaders, officials and athletic directors. All players will be graduated seniors.

DIXIE YOUTH & DIXIE MINOR BASEBALL

LEAGUE STANDINGS
(Through the week of May 23)

DIXIE YOUTH LEAGUE

TEAM	WON	LOST	BEHIND
CARDINALS	7	0	-
AVES	5	0	1
AS	3	2	4
ROYALS	1	4	5
D'BACKS	1	5	5 1/2
MARLINS	1	5	5 1/2

DIXIE MINOR LEAGUE

DODGERS	5	1	-
PHILLIES	5	2	1 1/2
RED SOX	3	1	1
SOX	3	4	2 1/2
RAYS	1	4	3 1/2
BREWERS	1	5	4 1/2

Cardinals and Braves remain undefeated in DYL baseball

The Elba Dixie Youth and Dixie Minor Baseball Leagues continued their seasons last week with double-headers on Thursday and Friday at both Legion Field and New Brockton.

Following are highlights of the games played last week, along with the highlights of early-season games held at New Brockton:

SOX 14 BREWERS 7
The Sox used a big second inning to grab the lead and held on to defeat the Brewers 14-7, in Dixie Minor action. The score was tied at 3-3 after one inning, but the Sox plated 9 runs in the second inning to take command and rolled to the win.

Lewis Johnson got 3 hits to lead the Sox, while Todd Kelley and Lance Cross both added 2. Jessie Schultz got the only Brewers hit.

PHILLIES 11 RAYS 8
The Phillies jumped out to an early lead and held on late to edge past the Rays 11-8, in Dixie Minor action. The Phillies led 4-3 after one inning and 7-6 after two innings, then slowly pulled away for the win.

Heath Parker and Bradley Bane both got 2 hits for the Phillies, while Adam Spicer got 3 hits for the Rays.

CARDINALS 8 A'S 4
The Cardinals broke loose in the third inning to take the lead and never looked back to down the A's 8-4, in Dixie Youth action. The Cardinals trailed 3-2 heading into the third, but scored five runs in the frame to grab the lead and held on for the win.

Jason Curran got 3 hits and knocked in 3 runs to lead the Cardinals, while Marcus Henderson added 2 hits. Derrick Thomas got 1 hit and scored a run for the A's.

CARDINALS 13 DIAMONDBACKS 2
The Cardinals led all the way to fly past the Diamondbacks 13-2, in Dixie Youth action. The Cardinals jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the second inning and then used a 8-run third to put the win on ice.

Marcus Henderson got 3 hits and collected 3 rbi's to lead the Cardinals, while Matthew Curran, Brandon Wilson and Jason Curran added 2 hits each. Lance Wood got 1 hit and scored a run for the Diamondbacks.

CARDINALS 9 DIAMONDBACKS 2
The Cardinals pulled ahead early and cruised to an easy 9-2 win over the Diamondbacks, in Dixie Youth action. The Cardinals led 4-0 after one inning and pulled away to claim the win.

Marcus Henderson got 2 hits and collected 1 rbi for the Cardinals, while Joseph Sawyer got 1 hit and collected 1 rbi for the Diamondbacks.

DODGERS 9 RAYS 8
The Dodgers used a big second inning to grab the lead and held on

Daly-Emfinger, of Valley, and players Meredith Gault, of UMS-Wright; Christi Huckabaa, of Pleasant Home; Christi Freeman, of Grand Bay; Rosalyn Webb, of LeFlore; Amy Harris, of Ashford; Shae Beatty, of New Brockton; Marsha Mixon, of Geneva; Krystal Patterson, of Thorsby; Courtney Cooper, of Phenix City Central; Kristy Harrison, of Auburn; Amy Johnson, of Straughn; Jennifer Vann, of Jackson; Lashonda Boswell, of Charles Henderson; and Jill Skinner, of Vigor. Area baseball players named to the South squad included Jay Jackson, of Opp, and Chris Brantley, of Goshen.

Chasity Williams

Girls softball league rolls on

The Elba Girl's Softball League continued its season last week with action in all four age divisions.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

CHIEFS 17 CHICKS 4
The Chiefs scored runs in bunches to down the Chicks 17-4, in 10 and Under action. The Chiefs jumped out to an early 5-0 lead and rolled to the big win.

Becky Stinson, Allison Smith, Shawanna Wright and Ashley Gibson all got 3 hits for the Chiefs, while Kayla Homyak and Kait McDonald both added 2. Adams got 1 hit and scored a run for the Chicks.

REDWINGS 16 RED STIXX 6
The Redwings fell behind early and then came storming back to outscore the Red Stixx 16-6, in 12 and Under action. The Redwings fell be-

hind 5-0 early, but scored runs in every inning to rally and claim the win.

Samantha Williams and Lagina Mack both got 3 hits for the Redwings, while Brittany Daniels and Devri Kilcrease added 2 hits each. Candace Dunn got 2 hits for the Red Stixx.

GIANTS 19 RANGERS 9
The Giants remained undefeated with a 19-9 win over the Rangers.

Brandon Mashburn, Colton Creel and Austin Parrish all scored 3 runs for the Giants, while Caleb Davis scored twice. Timmy Geddings and Gage Nalley both scored 2 runs for the Rangers.

ATHLETICS 22 MARINERS 18
The Athletics scored runs in bunches to outscore the Mariners 22-18.

Blake Berry and Vincent Jones both scored 3 runs for the Athletics, while Cordell Hooks, Justin Hammonds, Derrick Jackson, Anton Tills, Graham Morrow, Demetric Tyson and Christopher Salter all scored twice. Chafin Johnson, Jessie Oglesby and Brian Blair all scored 3 runs for the Mariners, while Caleb Bannin, Will Gray, Aaron Burks, Martin McCormick, Jacob Forbes and Trey Martin all scored twice.

ELBA PIRATES HOST ANDALUSIA
The Elba Pirates hosted Andalusia last week in Dixie Pre-Major Baseball action and claimed their first win of the season with a 9-4 win, at Legion Field.

The Pirates failed to score in the first inning, but plated 4 runs in the second to grab a 4-0 lead, and then pulled away to post the impressive 9-4 victory.

Dustin Stinson and Daniel Murdoch both got 2 hits to lead the Pirates at the plate, while Brooks Creel got the mound win by tossing a six-hitter and striking out seven batters.

KINSTON SETS BASKETBALL CAMP
Kinston Bulldog basketball coach Gary Glass and his staff will host a Youth Basketball Camp on June 9-13, at the Kinston High School gym.

The camp will be open to boys and girls ages 9-15, with two sessions being held. The first session is for ages 9-11 from 8:00-11:00 AM, while the second session will be for ages 12-15 from 1:00-5:00 PM.

All participants will receive a camp shirt and certificate, with several competitions being held. There will be a hot shot competition, free throw championship and free hot dog meal.

Trophies will be presented at an awards ceremony the final day of the camp.

The camp fee is \$45 for pre-registration and \$50 to register the day of the camp, and for more information call Coach Glass at 334-565-3161 or 334-565-3111.

GIRL'S SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT SET
The 11th annual Coca Cola/C & M Sporting Goods Classic will be held at the Westgate Softball Complex, in Dothan, on June 13-14.

This is the one of the largest and most prestigious youth softball tournament in the Southeast, and is an ASA sanctioned event.

All teams must be registered with ASA or may register with ASA the day of the tournament, and proof of age must be available.

The tournament will be for ASA youth teams ages 18 and Under, 16 and Under, 14 and Under, 12 and Under and 10 and Under.

The entry fee is \$90 and must be received by June 11 at 8:00 PM. The tournament will begin on Friday night at 5:30.

To enter call Tony Kirkland (334) 793-0403, and for ASA registration information call Gene Calhoun (334) 677-5187 or (334) 618-4740.

DREW DONALDSON...
was in the Elba Dixie Youth League spotlight last week after tossing a no-hitter in the Red Sox 6-0 win over the Phillies. Donaldson struck-out 16 batters in the six-inning gem.

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Elba Elementary School welcomes Grandparents

Elba Elementary School "rolled out the red carpet" to welcome grandparents on Thursday, May 1. Hundreds of grandparents turned out to support their favorite elementary

students and were welcomed by a reception in the school's cafeteria. Awards were presented to several grandparents for such accomplishments as oldest and youngest grand-

parent, grandparent with most grandchildren at Elba Elementary, and grandparent who had traveled the farthest distance to be in attendance. After refreshments, prizes, and en-

tertainment by some of the students, the grandparents were all invited to visit in their grandchildren's classrooms. The students at EES appreciate the volunteer work and support from their grandparents.

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Scripture: Matthew 27:1-25

***Thinking of you, praying for you: the Pearson family, Leo Henderson, James Hooks Jr., Leamon Rodgers, Amanda Plain, Gladys Minney, Iris Tanks, Lovie Hooks, Rev. Charles Lane, Rev. Henry Ewing Jr., Barbara Henderson, Lela Harris.

***Tabernacle: We may compare the Bible to the Tabernacle with its three courts. The Outer Court is the letter of the Scripture; the inner court or holy place, is the truth of the Scripture; the holiest place of all is the person of Jesus Christ; and only when we pass the innermost veil do we come to Him.

A.T. Pierson



***Monica Creshinda Henderson of Elba - 1997 graduate of Elba High School.

Monica C. Henderson is the 18-year-old daughter of James and Barbara Henderson of Elba. She is a 1997 graduate of Elba High School. She was a member of FFA, FHA, and FBLA.

As a member of Rocky Head M.B. Church, Elba, she sings with the Rocky Head Y.A. Ensemble. Monica believes in this motivation: "There are four rings on the ladder of success: Plan purposefully, prepare prayerfully, proceed positively, and pursue persistently" (An old African proverb).

She plans to further her education by attending a college or university in the state of Alabama.

She is the granddaughter of the late Cisero and Allie Henderson, Elba, and Tom and Lela Harris of New Brockton. She has an 11-month-old daughter, Jasmine.

God bless you, Monica, and congratulations on graduation!

***Vacation Bible School at Shady Grove A.M.E. Church, Elba, Rev. F.L. Flowers, pastor, June 10, 13, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

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They also visited Grover and Eria Belcher (Theo's grandparents), Ernestine Kelley, Evelyn Manning and Juanita Brooks (Theo's aunts).

***Today is a good day! Be grateful. Sister Catherine Burks; a reading

by Sister Ruby Lee Tillis, Rev. Darryl Caldwell will introduce the speaker, Rev. Freddie Flowers, pastor of Shady Grove A.M.E. Church, Elba.

Offering by Sis. Sara Stoudmire and visitors.

Recognition of visitors by Sister Pam Aaron and sister Gussie Adams. Remarks and benediction.

***YOUTH DAY PROGRAM The youth of Dunn's Chapel A.M.E. Church, Gardner Bassett Road, Troy, Rev. Michael E. Bush, pastor, invite pastors, officers, members and youth choirs from their respective churches to come and share in their Youth Day Program on Sunday, June 15, at 1:30 p.m.

Speaker for this occasion will be officer Gregory Wright from the Troy Police Dept.

The choirs are asked to render their voices in song in praising the Lord.

Miss Shekita Carlisle, YPD president; Mrs. Kathleen W. Forbush, youth director.

***Focus on Youth Services: The Rocky Head Baptist Church, Highway 125, Elba, Rev. A.R. Williams, pastor, is extending an invitation to the churches to fellowship with them during their "Focus on the Youth" services June 4 - 8.

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings, their annual spring revival will be held beginning at 7 p.m. (Evangelist for these services will be announced later.)

On Saturday, June 7, outdoor activities will be held (time and place to be announced later).

The services will climax Sunday, June 8, with their annual Youth Day.

***Youth Need to Know: African American History

***May: Motivation: People may doubt what you say, but they will always believe what you do.

Nannie Helen Burroughs, educator and Civil Rights activist

***Did you know? Chappie James was the first African American pilot to distinguish himself in the Korean War?

Question: What did Sarah Boone invent in 1892 that aided in performing a domestic chore?

Answer: The ironing board

Question: Who was the first African American to be appointed to the House Armed Services Committee?

Answer: Ronald V. Dellums

Question: Who was the first African American businessman to make *Forbes* Magazine's list of the nation's 400 wealthiest people?

Answer: Reginald Lewis, who founded and was a partner in the Lewis and Clarkson TLC Group, New York City, until his death on January 19, 1993.

African American History Calendar

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LITTLE MISS - Winner - Bethany Milligan; 1st alternate - Callie Hollis; 2nd - Mytisha Andrews; 3rd - Amber Carmichael; 4th - Savanna Senn



JUNIOR MISS - Winner - Veronica Hernandez; 1st - Katy Gifford; 2nd - Ashley Green; 3rd - Haley Wise; 4th - Emily Smith; Interview - Ashley Green; Congeniality - Melanie McGlothlen; Photogenic - Haley Wise



YOUNG MISS - Winner - Caileen White; 1st - Heather Carroll; 2nd - Anna Bryant; 3rd - Brittany Allen; 4th - Meghann Godth; Interview - Heather Carroll; Congeniality - Anna Bryant



TEEN MISS - Winner - Crystal Burrows; 1st - Rachel Carroll; 2nd - Erica Newman; 3rd - Emily Wise; 4th - Brandie Head; Interview - Crystal Burrows; Congeniality - Rachel Carroll; Photogenic - Emily Wise

Angela Hughes-County Agent

Bicycle helmets save lives...

Is wearing a bicycle helmet really that important? You bet it is.

Each year more than half a million cyclists sustain injuries serious enough to land them in the emergency room. Nearly two-thirds of these injuries involve children from the ages of 5 to 14.

About a third of these involve the head and face - roughly twice the number of head injuries caused from playing football, hockey and baseball.

In addition, of the more than 1300 cyclists who die from injuries, more than 80 percent sustain their injury in the head. Roughly half of the cyclists who die from bicycle-related injuries each year are children.

A 1987 study involving 520 chil-

dren injured in bicycle accidents revealed that only three had been wearing helmets. Thirty-one percent suffered head and neck injuries, and three had concussions.

A similar study, involving 21 cyclists in Vermont, showed that while seven of the cyclists who were not wearing helmets suffered head injuries, none of the eight who wore helmets had such injuries.

But even though the statistics show that helmets can prevent serious injury, only a very small fraction of adults and an even smaller number of children choose to wear them.

In fact, only about three to five percent of children wear bicycle helmets.

Roller-blading hobbyists are even less inclined to use helmets, even though roller-blading and cycling can carry their passengers at surprisingly high speeds on uneven surfaces such as streets, where a fall could result in severe brain injury - even death.

Everyone who rides a bicycle should be helmeted, especially toddlers who ride in bicycle buggies and child seats attached to the bicycle.

In fact, the law in several states requires that bicycle passengers ages 1 to 5 years wear helmets.

Bicycle helmets aren't bulky and uncomfortable and come in all shapes and colors to appeal to a wide range of tastes.

When buying a helmet, it's a good idea to check for the approval sticker from the Snell Memorial Foundation, which applies the most stringent tests to determine bicycle helmet safety.

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LITTLE MISS - Bethany Milligan, and MISS NEW BROCKTON Dawn Owens. The beauty queens are cousins. Not pictured for Miss New Brockton are: 1st - Christina Notarian; 2nd - Elizabeth Jones; 3rd - Hope Trull; 4th - Amanda Moe; Interview - Dawn Owens; Congeniality - Amanda Moe; Photogenic - Christina Notarian; Portfolio - Christina Notarian.

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Summer School in Elba to begin Monday, June 2

Elba Elementary School's Summer School Program has been announced, and will begin June 2 for all ages, kindergarten through sixth

grade. Classes will meet Monday through Thursday through June 26. Attendance and good behavior

are essential if a child is to succeed in school," said Principal Dale Crowe. "We also expect students to be on time each day.

"Parents, please make sure your child eats a good breakfast. With summer school being only two hours each day, we do not plan to have snacks at school this summer.

"However, the Summer Feeding Program will provide sack lunches. Lunch will be available for all students at the end of their school day whether they finish at 10:10 or 12:10."

Teachers and class times for the different grade levels are as follows:

Kindergarten - Mrs. Carolyn Tison - 7:55 and 10:10

First Grade - Mrs. June Grant-ham - 7:55 and 10:10

Second Grade - Mrs. Patricia Nicholson - 7:55 and 10:10

Third Grade - Mrs. Shirlyn Dye - 7:55 and 10:10

Fourth Grade - Mrs. Nancy Crowe - 7:55 and 10:10

Fifth Grade - Mrs. Nancy Crowe - 7:55 and 10:10

Sixth Grade - Mrs. Amy Thomas - 7:55 and 10:10

The Title I Program will provide one bus to transport students to and from school this summer. The route according to times and places is as follows:

Elba Villas - 1st load - 7:15; 2nd load - 9:30

Creative Day Care - 1st load - 7:25; 2nd load - 9:40

Morrow Village - 1st load - 7:35; 2nd load - 9:50

Mullins Apts. - 1st load - 7:43; 2nd load - 9:58

Building Blocks - 1st load - 7:20; 2nd load - 9:35

Young World of Learning - 1st load - 7:30; 2nd load - 9:45

Carver Drive - 1st load - 7:40; 2nd load - 9:55

Kennedy Estates - 1st load - 7:47; 2nd load - 10:02

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contractor - providing the necessary time frame can be met - to move the existing telephone equipment to the temporary offices. This motion passed unanimously.

Turning to other matters, Tindell told commissioners that he would like to address them concerning a subject "near and dear to my heart" - new equipment.

He proceeded to present to the commission - in a very orderly and informative fashion - a list of very much needed equipment by the highway department.

Tindell noted that his department had remained in-line on its budget and he had held off on presenting his request until he was reasonably sure the funds would be available.

First, he requested that four (4) 15-foot bat-wing mowers be purchased off state bid. These mowers will be used to supplement the herbicide program on the county roads' rights-of-way. This request was approved.

Secondly, Tindell requested that bid requests be sent out for a motor grader. He told commissioners that this piece of equipment would be used in working up dirt roads to be paved. Commissioners voted to do so.

Tindell's third request was for two (2) dump trucks. He asked that bid requests be sent out on eight yard capacity dumps. These trucks will be used by the driveway installation crew. This was approved.

Fourth, the engineer asked for two (2) cab-chassis. The herbicide spray units will be placed on these units since the present units are more than 14 years old. Commissioners approved sending out bid requests.

Fifth, a new more modern patching machine was requested. Bid requests will be mailed out.

Finally, Tindell asked that bid requests be sent out for a small bulldozer. This piece of equipment will be used along road rights-of-way where larger dozers cannot work.

This too was approved by the commissioners.

All the bids on the above pieces of equipment will be opened on June 9 or June 23.

Barbara Everett appeared before the commission to update them on the Family Services Center. She reminded commissioners that the purpose of the organization is to strengthen families and to help them become self-sufficient.

Everett noted that the organization has been successful in fund raising and is hopeful of additional funds through grants.

She told commissioners that the immediate need is for a facility in which to locate the center. Everett asked the commission for the use of the office space in the Farm Center recently vacated by Mapping & Appraisal. She also asked that the county provide the utilities and telephone service (pay the base cost) for the office.

Everett informed commissioners that the organization had a professional person who had volunteered to man the facility on a part-time basis.

The commissioners granted Mrs. Everett's request.

In other matters, the commission took the following actions:

***Awarded the bid for paving the entrance to the county landfill to Enco Development Corporation of Enterprise. Their bid for the project was \$44,435.70.

***Accepted the final subdivision plat on Lake Nichols Estates pending final approval from the county health department.

***Accepted the preliminary subdivision plat in the name of Sleepy Hollow Estates. The developer is Trinity Land Co. LLC of Enterprise, AL. It is located just off Co. Rd. 704. A couple of waivers (length of cul-de-sac and curve radius) were granted and a surety bondletter of credit was required relative to completion of a temporary cul-de-sac.

***Tindell requested that the county subdivision regulations be reviewed and change to conform with the impending state law expected to be signed by Gov. James. A work session will be held on Thursday, June 5.

Other honors at the University include being chosen by her Chi Omega pledge class as "Best Pledge" and being selected for membership in Freshman Forum, Lambda Sigma, Cardinal Key, Eliot Society, Phi Upsilon Omicron, and Greek Summit, each of which is based on leadership and scholarship.

Her involvement in honor societies, such as Alpha Lambda Delta, Phi Eta Sigma, and Gamma Beta Phi, are based on her academic achievements.

Elena is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Strong of Elba.

Elena Strong elected to the Student Government Association Senate at University of Alabama



ELENA STRONG (r) is shown receiving the Phi Upsilon Omicron Award for Outstanding Freshman during recent Honors Day ceremonies at the University of Alabama. Presenting the award is Dr. Judy Bonner, dean of the University's College of Human Environmental Sciences.

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AEC dedicates power plant at Gantt

Dedication of Alabama Electric Cooperative's (AEC) repowered Maury A. McWilliams Steam Power Plant was held Friday, May 23, at the plant site in Gantt, Ala., in conjunction with the cooperative's 1997 annual meeting.

Dedication activities attracted approximately 600 invited guests.

Taking part in the dedication were District 31 State Sen. Dwight Adams, District 92 Rep. Seth Hammett, Alabama Public Service Commission President Jim Sullivan, AEC board of trustees Chairman J.E. (Gene) Smith and AEC President and Chief Executive Officer James A. Vann Jr.

Renovation of the McWilliams Power Plant began in 1995. The \$69 million repowering project included installation of a 107-megawatt combustion turbine and modifications to the plant's existing steam generation equipment.

The repowered plant provides 151 megawatts of peaking and intermediate capacity.

In the repowered plant, the combustion turbine drives a generator to produce electricity. The heat recovery steam generator uses waste heat from the combustion turbine to heat water and produce steam to operate the three existing units.

AEC, with headquarters in Andalusia, is a generation and transmission cooperative founded in 1941 that provides wholesale power to 12 distribution cooperatives in Alabama, four distribution cooperatives in Florida, four municipal systems in Alabama, and one industrial distributor, Opp & Micolis Mills in Opp.

The Elba Housing Authority is sponsoring "Yard of the Month" contest this summer

The Elba Housing Authority is sponsoring a "Yard of the Month" contest this summer, and four winners each month will be selected from the Housing Authority's six apartment complexes. Each family chosen will have a "Yard of the Month" sign posted on their lawn and will also receive a small monetary gift.



YARD OF THE MONTH - Mullins Apts - Onie Merle Barlow



YARD OF THE MONTH - Morrow Village - C.A. & Ann Slauson



YARD OF THE MONTH - Kendrick Apts - Cupidean McCollough

Opp Jaycees bagging for St. Jude's

The Opp Jaycees will be bagging groceries at Winn Dixie in Opp, Friday and Saturday, June 6 and 7, 10 a.m. till 6 p.m.

Purpose of donning aprons and bagging groceries for tips by the Jaycees is to benefit St. Jude's Research Hospital.

Also available Saturday, June 7, will be new sign-up and updating last year's packets of Kidcare ID.

The Jaycees ask shoppers to not forget to tip the baggers - it's for St. Jude's!

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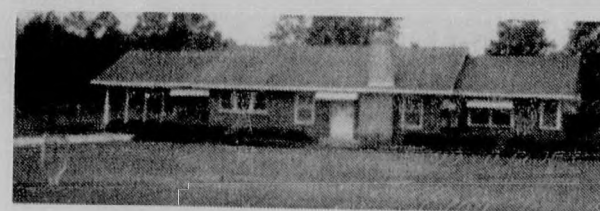
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FOR THE DISCRIMINATING ONLY! Too many amenities to list them all!! 3-BR, 2-1/2-BA home in the city, with 18'x36' pool. Beautifully landscaped. Approx. 2600 SF. Appointment only.



NEW LISTING: Brick home with new built-in appliances, new carpet, new roof. 3 BR, 1-1/2 Bath. Large barn, utility house with patio. All on 5 acres MOL. 1485 Smith Ave.

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